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years. A very slarming fact, when one thinks of it; there is such danger of be-

is not growing healthily. But Lill wasn't in the least thinking Factous Porse, . . . Yensown, about this, as she bustled about, prepar-The Pawlet, Jamaies and Londonderry stages at termoon, with her best friend, Josie. She was almost ready to go, with her half mile track connected with the house. Free carriage to railroad station.

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LILL'S WITHERED HAND.

A STORY FOR THE OLDER GIRLS.

Jane came in from the kitchen. If you please, Miss Lill, there's a poor woman down stairs, and she says you promised her-

Now, Jo! cried Lill with such a frown. Did you ever know anything so provoking! It was only yesterday I was taking a walk out by the factories-I'll never go that way again-and I was so unfortunate as to stumble upon that good Miss Harper, who would insist on my going BURR AND BURTON SEMINARY in to see a Mrs. Meagher, this same wretched old creature, with a wretched sick old husband, and two dozen, at least A Boarding and Day School for Ladies wretched dirty children. (Lili's style was always more remarkable for vigor than accuracy.) And Josie, you don't ings and things, and some of my old clothes for the children. But who would have dreamed of her being so unreasonable as to come the very next day! Maybe she thought I'd like to sit up all night

hunting for things to give her! Josie shrugged her shoulders at the thought of such presumption, and lack of the simplest common sense, on the part of Mrs. Meagher.

Oh, Jane, are you waiting? continued Lill, putting on her gloves. Well, just tell her I haven't had a moment's time to look for anything, and she may call again should ask to see me.

I don't care, continued Lill, as they Opposite Dr. Hemenway's Residence, sallied forth, after peeping from the win-Ferrotypes and guarantees satisfaction. A large assertion of Proture Frames, Passepartonts, slowly plodding home again, I don't was getting into bed. How many hours on to Lill that the Saviour was passing the body of the same of the s Would inform their old patrons and the public generally that they will continue the One must keep a little in the fashion, just so as not to attract attention, you know, said Lill, deprecatingly.

Josie assented with a promptness most

ed way, and can and will sell to suit the times. You know how it does absorb one, to cut of her front hair done up on hair-pins, Persons sending skins to sell or tan will take over a long dress, and get an upper skirt worked till after ten last night, on papa's a little too. What did it all mean? slippers! Now Jo, when could I have A most alarming attack of congestion, hunted up those old clothes?

Jo again testified her belief that there as she seemed to suppose Lill had been spoon to her lips, and Lill's mind began she may enter in through the gates into created just to wait on ber.

Poor Mrs. Meagher would probably have been very much amprised at this revelation of the depravity of her heart, see us.

Lill and Josie, having disposed of this not been for a little obtrusiveness on the they will do something to help me. part of Litt's conscience, which was one ed faster. Something in this tashion:

How cold it is! remarked Josie. Yes, answered Conscience, though no-

would have done anything for Him.

with my hair.

Jo's eyes twinkled a little, as she Lill was almost sixteen, that is physireckoning time; and she hoped she had of Lill's head, which was too remarkable into nothing. coffy, according to the earth method of been born again about two years before. yes, a little; and a Japan switch, and smallest babe in Christ I ever saw! Yt. How old that would make her spiritualworsted, and rate. O, dear! gasped Jo; Oh! grouned Lill. (y, it would be hard to tell, for in that

life one can grow wonderfully in five what was passing to her mind. minutes, or can almost stand still for five ever think how you'd feel if you found coming stanted and deformed, when one yourself dying? all of a sadden, say.

Jo started a little. What is the use of talking about such things, Lill? said she, apprehension. in an aggrieved tone. Its such a bright, log to take a waik that bright winter af-

I don't know, I'm sure, said Lill, but was too overwhelming. every little while I have to think about And that happened? asked Dulcians, O, no, she cried, laughlog in spite of her- that the time to be the carefulest is when it, whether I want to or not; and I would very softly, at last. like to know how you'd feet, Jo.

locket, for it was a very cold day, when Jo, with terseness and candor. I hope I wouldn't, mused Lill, it don't of thorns.

> members of the church. lated Jo, cheerfully.

better? Jo shook her head with returning de-

spondency. by way of gagging Conscience, who was not to Him!

Why it was best to wait three weeks it possible! hard to tell. The workings of Lill's Figue. mind were always mysterious; she was a If she could only be back on the earth stretch forth my withered hand! perpetual conundrum to her friends.

ever, each day seemed to fairly cres and hungry, and give kind words and away into the twilight; there wasn't half deeds to the souls sick and in prison, -as her had called once in the interval, but the Master, it would be made whole. should all call together.

at that time of night! Lill felt a little one prayer, - she was nothing but a were after him. you know how it does absorb one, to ent uneasy as she wondered what he thought prayer, such a prayer! laid at Jesus' feet. just slaved; there is no other word for it. looking so anxious, and her mother pour- was going on! And then Christmas presents! Why, I ing something out of a bottle, and crying

said Dr. Banks, dropping her wrist, un-

less she is relieved very soon-A new and extensive stock of goods in the line of Mrs. Meagher was worse than an idiot, on Lill's face, as her mother held the

to work very fast indeed. Some one must be very sick; I wonder who. It couldn't possibly be I! And yet what hard work it is to breathe! but this may be only another proof of Congestion? yes, that is the very way how seldom we see ourseives as others Emma died, last winter, just in a few hours! And why shouldn't !-

Lill's heart beat very fast, and then disagreeable subject, would now have seemed to stop a whole minute. O, no! enjoyed themselves very much, had it absurd! I am not going to die; of course

How eagerly she watched them harryof the most troublesome ones ever ing to sud fro. How strange that anbody known. It was grandchild to a very fine thought of litting that heavy weight off active monitor, which had carried its her breast. Then she would be better possessor off to be a missionary, about right away. But no, how stupid! she had given all their goods to feed the chain alone would weigh five pounds at la seeking food, by being denied, but half a century ago, and it was quite used was growing worse, worse, every poor; some had horne years of poverty least. to having its own way. So, aithough minute! O, so fast! She caught the and sickness with exquisite patience; all There, said I, here's every cent I've got. How gained you admittance to this Litt and Josle walked very briskly, and imploring look her mother gave Dr. had been anxions to do something to Take it and let mego on. My wife is very lown? talked very fast, this abominable con- Banks, and the desolate shake of the prove their gratitude and love to thim sick, and I don't know what would hapscience walked just as briskly, and talk. head in return. It didn't need that to who had done so much for them. All pen to her if she knew what was going tell Lill she was going to die; and Lill but Lill; she had not been ashamed to onwas horribly frightened.

I won't go! she said, in a parexysm of

those toes that were so badly frost bitten! It didn't do any good. Lill's soul just I wonder I dare look at a baby? For my life I did not dare to stir. My and the Jailer, where a great many ques-Indeed, it would be difficult to exag- went shivering right out of the poor little thought wretched Lill, remembering the nose began to lich. The stiff hairs of my tions were asked. gerate the ill bred persistence with which body; the room grew dimmer; the dear little brother who died a year ago, mustache got up one after another and Conscience introduced this disagreeable mother, father, kind old doctor, faded and was so very fond of her. He never tickied it until the sensation was intolersubject. Lili never got rid of him a mo. away. Lill was going; where? did anything for Christ; perhaps be able. I could stand it no longer. ment, till, stopping before the windows She shut her eyes tight. On and on, wouldn't be ashamed to go with me. I Stranger, I cried, I must scratch my Sap Buckets, Russia and Galvanired from faces of a grand book store, they went into ec- through wast reaches of space; Lill could should like so much to take him in my nose. It itelies so that I am almost crazy, stacles over the beautiful books and pic. not tell how far, but it seemed a most arms. She gave a quick imploring glance. Move your hands, he shouled, and I'll quick. tures for the holidays. One picture, heart breaking distance from the dear old Sweet! she said, calling him by the old blow a hole through your head big Tin Wars, Plain and Stamped, sheet from and however, sobered them both, while it earth before she was conscious that mo-Copper Wars, Coal Hods, Store Pips, Corregat greatly fascinated impulsive Lill. It was tion had ceased. At the same time, she Alas! alas! baby pause greatly fascinated impulsive Lill. It was tion had ceased. At the same time, she Alas! alas! baby paused, with arms appealed once more. Well, he answered, an Ecce Homo, the face full of divine also became aware, in some strange way, half outstretched, mute, motionless, look- keep your hands still, and I'll scratch it How strange it all is! said Lill, under eyes, -that some one was bending over ing wonder at his innocent eyes, looking Did he scratch it? asked one of Ben's never he able to to find.

> have withered and dropped off when they sweet and clear, it made ber think of the ately away to run anywhere, anywhere, With the muzzle of the cocked gun, You will now be conducted to the midflute stop on the great church organ.

> Yes, said Jo, a little absently; she was There seems to be a little life, returned hand. relieving herself by booking at such a at such as at s capital picture of a Scotch terrier; it al- the swell-organ, and thereafter Lill dis- faster. Lill, my dear Lill and now thanked him and said it itched no longer, succents, yours will be bread and water ways tired her very much to be serious. tinguished them in her mind, by those came a hearty shake. What is the mat-

O. Joyle, don't you feel sure, some- Let us measure her, anggested Dulci- and what makes you look at your hands fare. times, that you love Him very much? If sas. I will bring the golden reed that so? for Lill was solemnly examining all

musingly, I would like to have put that said Flute, who seemed to know every- and you not out of bed! continent on His feet, and wiped them thing that was passing in her mind, Loud voices called mamma, and she Anger always heris us more than the without her saying a word .

glanced at the development on the back lence; Lill felt as if she was shrinking it by-and-by.

kind of horror. Jo, resumed unconscious Lill, do you Yes, besides that !- said Dulciana, with of her life. unutterable sadness.

Because it was never used; because it right down till I tell you.

self perfectly outraged. Why, I would Jane appeared. In good and regular standing, interpo- have done anything for Him if I had a chance. Why when-And why oughtn't we to be glad to de- Saw we Thee an hungered, and gave again!

and clothed Thee not?

waking up, and suggesting several disa- How familiar the words were. Lill Lill, giggled the freepressible Josie, greeable answers to her questions: I'm had certainly heard them often enough, as she flitted through the door, If you grapher's, and he adds: afraid something is wrong; and I'm go- The last time was at communion, and she only knew how you looked! You've ing to make ever so many good resolu- remembered seeing Mrs. Meagher on the pinned on your worsted and rats, and not was leaving the house he stopped and tions, New Year's, Jo, and turn over a back seat, in such a thin shawl. But O, a bit of hair toute. I can't bear to see any one so mis- new feaf; that's just three weeks from to- she didn't, didn't think it meant just this! Lill looked back a moment with such

for this desirable change, it would be What can be done about it? continued Josle, if you had only had the dream, you

a little while, said Dulciana. The three weeks were very short, how- If she would feed and clothe the poor

Lill was just then slaving over Christmas But I can't go back, thought Lill, with presents, and couldn't be disturbed if a thrill of despair. O, if Jo only knew Mountains, waded through the Great So it is written, is if, then? I asked. President Grant, the Sultan of Turkey, how grand and solemn it is to be alive!

will be done with me? now, very, remember, Jane, in case she came home late from a merry party at wonderful music, it seized and thrilled Josie's; undressed in five minutes, said Lill with a rapture that was almost her prayers in five minutes, (or -it is not agony. There was a joyful tomult, in best to be too positive in such a matter- which Flute and Dulciana joined, with startling and amusing. dow, to svoid any embarrassing encoun-

Let us follow the Master, said Flute. And Lill? said Dulcians.

May go with us. He did not torbid it.

had said, Come, thou blessed!

was so feeble. ped them quickly again, heavy with the hundred dothers in my pocket. excessive weight of glory. But in that Suddenly my friend shouted, Come, I go. She had seen such happy beings. Some david a free midh. had been stanced and sawn asunder for I pussed out a few handred loose to my eral carniverous appearance. and with a withered hand!

Eave Sports. Tin Resident Flam and Flam Flow one was bending over the first for you. I hate to see a partner suffer.

Flow Flow Cast Iron Resident Flam and the strange it all is! said Lill, under the same one was bending over the form of the strange it all is! said Lill, under the same one was bending over the same the same one was bending over the same one was bending over the same the same one was bending over the same the same one was bending over the same one was bending over the same the same one was bending over the same the same that the same that the same one was any part to same the same that the same that the same that

-out in the dark, -anywhere to hide that said the great overlander. He rubbed die chamber by a flight of winding stairs,

her pretty pink fingers first, on one band, Lill felt greatly annoyed that they and then on the other. Come, come, we

I have often thought, continued Lall, We have no small measures in heaven. And do you know it is breakfast time. Make yourself necessary, young man

hurried away, giving Lill a kiss, and one we get mad at-There was a moment of dreadful ai- whispering. You must tell me all about

Lill could hardly wait till she was alone to be overlooked that afternoon. Hair? Then Finte said slowly, The very to fall on her knees. O, how she thanked to value at just what it cost. God? First, that she had this dream; and second, that it was only a dream. And and not spile, is to live on his wife's repbut she couldn't be so wicked as to say And then-I continued Finte, with a then,-Lill did indeed make some resolu-

Josie, who lived near, came rushing in the quickest to decay,

There was an awful pause. Lill's little before she was quite dressed.

you get? Besides that, continued Flute, O, so O, Josie, cried Liff, bursting into tears, a word was spoken for a long time; it abe was in the body or out of the body, on hand that I know of, did you know I had a withered hand?- " I have always said, and I believe it still, self, at Jo's look of horror, you don't; sit you have a hand full of trumps.

Well I'd be terribly frightened, said never did anything for Christ, unless per- The recital was very graphic, with achaps to wound him, to make him a crown companiments of Lill's gestures and tears from them and you couldn't hardly tell and Josie never joked a bit, as she listen- them from a ben. seem quite right. Yen know we're both | O, never! burst forth Lill, feeling her- ed with big, serious eyes. Just at the end

Miss Lall, would you believe it, here's that dreadful, tiresome Mrs. Meagher

part and be with Christ, which is far Thee no meat? finished Finte, and naked O hush, bush, Jane! don't say that, eried Lill, engerly, That isn't Mrs. luasmuch as she did it not unto one of Meagher at all, that is-O, I don't know the least of these, said Dulciana, just exactly what I was saying, finished Lill I'll tell you what, said Lill hurriedly, whispering, it was so dreadful; she did it in some confusion. Tell her to walt a minute, I'll be right down.

This was terrible! Mrs. Meagher! Was reproach in her carnest eyes. How can you, Jo? It isn't the least matter. O, would know I couldn't wait a minute to -

BEN HOLLADAY'S NOSE.

time enough for anything. Mrs. Meag- soon as she stretched forth her hand to cently with a number of acquaintances should say something that he wanted to old Ben Holladsy became unusually com- say. He needn't have been alarmed municative. He climbed the Rocky My speech isn't long. Salt Dake, jumped across the Black Canon Well, no, was the raply. It is not exand the Queen of the Cannibal Islands, But I am dead! It is all over. What of the Colorado, danced in the Death Valuetty written. It is not finished anyway. At last it was New Year's Eve. Lill Suddenly there came a burst of such geysers, scudded down the Shoshone and I shall have to give it snother lies ing that the hair of his bearers arose in short, short.

ing over the plains in one of my overland famous address, if in existence, would be cosches. My wife was with me. She as invaluable memento of its great auknows how busy I have been this morn- she came back to consciousness, feeling If I could only get to His feet! sobbed was sick, and lay askep on the bottom of ther. ing. In the first place I was two hours very uncomfortable indeed. She opened Liff; and immediately she felt the wish the stage on a bed of buffalo skins. The her eyes, and was astonished to find that realized; for there is scarcely any differ- night was fearfully dark and a drizzling some one had lighted the gas, and the ence between wishing, with all one's rain was falling. Mrs. Holladay and room was full of people. There was heart, to be at Jesus' feet, and being myself were the only passengers. Severbringing in hot water, and Dr. Banks- Lill could not speak, but she felt that months, and the driver was ripping regularly organized traternity, having a what on earth was he doing in her room everything there was in her went into along as though a gang of prairie wolves general understanding with one another,

barrels looked as big as nall kegs.

croscopes when they please, there is a with myself. I saw that hedid not know instructive dialogue took place between Yes, it was not forbidden; but nobody burdly high enough to hide a magnificent From a town in New York called Jeruemerald that cost me eight thousand doi, salein. Now we are entering Heaven, said lars a lew weeks before in Sau Francisco. Finite to Lill, whom he was carrying, she I hardly breathed through fear that the . To learn to subdue my appetite and to light might strike the stone, and its brit- sporge my living from an indulgent pub-Entering Heaven! Lill had often im- liancy attract the attention of the robber. lic. different. She litted her eyes, but drop- money belt close to the skin, and several same?

momentary giance she had seen much, shell out, d-d quick, or I'll send the

Christ; somehad gone up to fleaven from pockets and handed him my gold watch. How do you know yourself to be a the stake, a fearful chariot of fire; some and chain. They were befry, I think the tramp?

accept everything from Jesus, and do Keep your hands up, was the reply, nothing at all for Him. So mean! Low- while a second robber received the watch body asked if to speak. How blue those terror, and she caught hold of the moth' er, lower, drooped Lill. O, to think of and money. Then a search was made for lie took me several times around the fittle Meaghers must be looking. I won- er's dear hands, with all the little going into Heaven hanging one's head the express company's box, but the town to the south, east and west, where double barreled shot gun did not move. we found the City Marshal, Police Judge,

enough for a jack rabbit to jump thro. 1

the muzzle around my mustache and consisting of five or more steps. Instead ter? Why, how you are subbing and cry- leave, with many spologies, and Ben con- cape from this place, divide yourselves

JOSH BILLINGS.

course she would look very insignificant. you a very happy New Year, my dear, the liver but sawing wood never will. have yourself.

and your success is certain.

When a man is good for nothing else he is just right to sit on a lary. What a man gets for nothing he is liab'e

About as low down as a man can get

tions for the New Year, and all the rest | I don't bet on precocions children; the buckleberry that ripens the quickest is

Everybody seems to think himself a mite of a spiritual body shivered with A happy New Year, Litt, and what did moral half-bushel to measure the world's fraitties in.

He who has nothing to do in this world

There's lots of men in this world like a rooster; take the cockade and spars off

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS.

It appears from the very agreeable rem iniscences of Asbraham Lincoln in the last number of Scribner, that the famous Gettysburg address, like most oratorical masterpieces, was the result only of the

most carein) and persistent effort, A few days before the calcbration, the writer says he was invited by President Lincoln to go with him to a photo-

Next day, we went together, and as he Stepping hasfily back, he brought with him a folded paper, which he explained was a printed copy of the oration that Mr. Everett was to deliver in a few days, at Gettysburg. It occupied nearly the whole of two pages of the Boston Journal, and looked very formidable indeed. As we walked away from the house, Lincoln said, It was very kind in Mr. Everett to While traveling a Washington train re- send me this. I suppose he was afraid I

ley, cooked grizzlies in the Yellowstone | I have written it over, two or three times, Falls, and told a score of stories so thrill- before 1 an satisfied. But it is short,

protest. One of his yarns was both I found, afterwards, that the Gettysburg speech was actually written and re-One night, said he, long before the written a great many times. The several

AN INITIATED TRASP.

We have before maintained that the al stages had been robbed within two framps scouring about the country are a Suddenly the horses were thrown on answers. Their uniform appearance, But there was no answer, and present- their haunches and the stage stopped. I their periodical visits to the same localiand a flounce out of it, without so fright- and then she forgot it, as she caught by Lill felt, with a despair no words was heaved forward, but quickly recovfully piecing the under skirt. O, I have sight of her father at the foot of the bed, could express, that He had passed by, he ered, and found myself gazing at the where they have before procured food, muzzles of a double barreled shot gun, all points to this. Sheriff Walls of this By the dim light of the stage lamps the city has found curious emblems about them, has studied their character, and Throw up your hands and don't stir, listened to their conversation, until he shouted the owner of a gruff voice. Up can tell a regular initiated tramp from an her with angels' eyes, which can be mi- went my hands, and I began to commune imposter. The following amusing and

agined how it would be; but this was so I had about forty thousand dollars in a Then you are a regalar framp, I pre-

By the largement of my feet, and gen-

How am I to recogn 21 you as a tramp?

By a good many long tramps.

How were you received?

On the end of a night policeuran's billy, presented to my head. How did the policeman dispose of you?

What advice did the Judge give you? He advised me to walk in upright, reg-

With your permission, l'libe off d-

Which way are you traveling? Of what are you in pursuit?

My friend, you are now at an instituyour never returning. (Pointing to Edwards, the turnkey,) Follow your

Conscience was so stupefied with as- should bring anything so grand. Of must not begin to-day with tears. I wish Pills may sometimes refuse to act on conductor and fear no danger-if you be-

What's your business here? I am so taken and scoepted where ever

ready to try again.

ular steps, and to denounce tramping. Will you be off or from?

Work, -which try my own codesvors and the assistance of others, I hope I shall

tion where the wicked are always troublesome and the weary are as had as the rest. winter they usually ron free soup houses, and you may be pardoned on condition of